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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Nobuyuki SAIKA

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
MANAGING A STORAGE  
DEVICE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 4794

Examiner: Marcin R. Filipczyk

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.